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**REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the final rejection mailed January 13, 2003, please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

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Please amend claim 1 as follows:

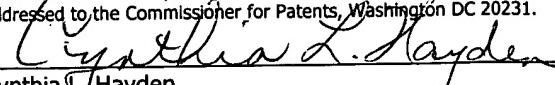
1 (Twice Amended). A flat panel display comprising:

a tiled array of display elements wherein each display element has a front surface that emits light and a back surface that does not substantially emit light;

a plurality of seams between adjacent display elements, said seams having lengths;

a plurality of straps attached to said back surface along the seam length between the display elements; and

an optical integrator attached to the front surface of the display elements, said plurality of straps redistributing stress from the optical integrator to the straps.

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